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Applicant : Jens Ponikau  
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INFLAMMATION OF MUCOSAL TISSUE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 21-50 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that all of the claims are now in condition for examination, which action is requested. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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